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Westland mayor presents 3-year budget

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Mayor William R. Wild presented members of the Westland City Council with a 3-year balanced budget proposal for fiscal years 2022-23, 2023-24 and 2024-25. The 3-year budget proposal preserves a "rainy day" fund balance of approximately $6.7 million.

Highlights of proposed $72.4 million 2023-23 budget include: An overall taxable value increase of 6.15 percent; $5.5 million for improvements to the major and local roads throughout the city in 25 neighborhoods including 51 major and local roads; $4.7 million for an expansion to the William P. Faust Westland Public Library; $4.38 million for planned water and sewer capital projects in six neighborhoods and 41 roads throughout the 611 miles of water and sewer systems in the city.

In addition, Wild proposed $2.8 million for the establishment of a brand new, all-inclusive at Tattan Park.

Wild has budgeted for additional retiree healthcare contributions of $438,500 and $150,000 to continue the city voluntary retiree healthcare cash settlement program, which received four interested retirees in the 2021-22 fiscal year, saving approximately $800,000 to the OPEB liability.

He has proposed four new budgeted positions in the water and sewer department to staff a planned basement flooding mitigation team and the creation of two additional positions within the Economic Development Department, including a business retention and expansion coordinator and a business attraction coordinator.

He has also proposed funding through a partnership with the Wayne-Westland School District to implement a new crossing guard safety program which offers high level training, equipment and uniforms and doubles the current staffing numbers. In addition, he has included funding to allow for the continuation of the popular Neighborhood Makeover Program, now entering the fifth year

A budget study session is planned for 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. April 23 at Westland City Hall, 36300 Warren Road. The session is open to the public.

"The City of Westland could achieve a major milestone in the history of the city with the adoption of this 3-year balanced budget, commented Wild. "The city is in a strong financial position and a 3-year balanced budget is a recognized best practice in local government and is expected to have a positive impact on the city's bond rating."

Court date

34th District judges to host Community Day

Area residents have been summoned for a court date at the 34th District Court in Romulus.

Judges at the facility have invited the public to "Community Day at the Court" from noon until 5 p.m. Friday, May 6.

Community Day is open to the public, though is targeted at residents of the five communities serviced by the 34th District Court: Belleville, Huron Township, Romulus, Sumpter Township and Van Buren Township.

"We are thrilled to showcase our new facility and be able to host a day of fun for the community," said Chief Judge Brian A. Oakley. The newly-completed 34th District Court Building (located at 11129 Wayne Road, in the City of Romulus Municipal Complex) opened to the public last year. It is a state-of-the-art facility, comprising two stories, four court rooms, and 50,000 square feet. In addition to tours of the facility, Community Day guests can enjoy a car show, food trucks, public safety demonstrations, pet adoptions and other planned attractions.

Several community agencies are partnering on the event including the Michigan Youth Challenge Academy, Growth Works, Romulus Christian Ministerial Alliance, Sentech Services and Hegira Health, Inc.

For more information about Community Day at the Court, contact Avery Taylor at (734) 941-4463 extension 264.

Canton welcomes new technology director

> *His experience and knowledge will be a great asset to us ..,*

Victor Ibegbu has been named as Canton Township Director of the Information Technology and innovation (ITI) Department. Ibegbu comes to Canton from the Detroit Public Library, where he served as assistant director for Information Systems for the last 10 years.

Victor Ibegbu

During Ibegbu's tenure at the Detroit library, he implemented, managed and led in diverse Information Technology initiatives including: cloud migration; establishment of a Digital Asset Management System; introduction of high capacity bandwidth and introduction of rent-to-go technology devices, among others.

Ibegbu holds a master's degree in library and information science with a concentration in digital librarianship; a bachelor of arts in computer information systems, and an associate degree in computer applications technology. He said he is passionate about technology services for communities, specifically technology utilization as instruments for advancing the goal of service delivery and broader needs of the community.

"We are so pleased that Victor has joined our Canton Township team," said Township Supervisor Anne Marie Graham-Hudak. "His experience and knowledge will be a great asset to us for many years to come as we advance Canton's technological capabilities for our residents and the region."

Last year, to meet the evolving technology needs of the community, township officials created a stand-alone ITI Department. This new department, led by Ibegbu, will coordinate a strategic approach to provide integrated technology solutions that will ultimately enhance service to Canton's residents, Graham-Hudak added.

"The combination of Victor's experiences and passion makes him a perfect fit for the Canton Township, which he also calls home and where he has lived in for 13 years," she concluded.

American Pickers seeking Michigan 'treasures'

That large collection of old junk auto parts, accumulation of furniture from great-grandma's basement or other "treasures" might have a chance at TV stardom.

The American Pickers TV show will return to Michigan this spring and producers said episodes of the popular History Channel show will be taped in this area during May.

American Pickers is a documentary series that explores the world of antique "picking" and show follows skilled pickers in the business, as they hunt for America's most valuable antiques. The Pickers are always excited to find sizeable, unique collections and learn the interesting stories behind them, executives noted in a prepared announcement.

As they hit the back roads from coast to coast, the Pickers are on a mission to recycle and rescue forgotten relics. Along the way, they want to meet characters with remarkable and exceptional items. They hope to give historically significant objects a new lease on life while learning a thing or two about America's past along the way, they added.

"The Pickers have seen a lot of rusty gold over the years and are always looking to discover something they've never seen before. They are ready to find extraordinary items and hear fascinating tales about them," she continued.

"We at American Pickers continue to take the pandemic very seriously and will be following all guidelines and protocols for safe filming outlined by the state and CDC. Nevertheless, we are excited to continue reaching the many collectors in the area to discuss their years of picking and are eager to hear their memorable stories," she said.

The American Pickers TV Show is looking for leads.

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Canton - Plymouth

Friday Night Concerts in the Park resume

The popular Music in the Air free weekly concert series is set to begin May 27 and continue through Sept. 3 at the Kellogg Park stage in downtown Plymouth, officials from the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) office said.

The ever-popular Friday night outdoor music series for 2022 features a wide variety of entertainment to suit every musical taste, added DDA Director Tony Bruscato.

The concerts are sponsored by the DDA; the Bank of Ann Arbor; the Plymouth Noon Rotary Club and Hines Park Lincoln.

This year's line-up again features 14 bands beginning May 27 with Motor City Josh (Blues); June 3-- Von Zippers (Classic Rock); June 10–Totally (80s); June 17–The Ones and Twos (Motown and Dance Music); June 24--Randy Brock Group (Blues Rock); July 1--Trilogy (Variety Band); July 8-no concert due to Art in the Park; July 15--Magic Bus (Woodstock Era); July 22--Power Play Detroit (Greatest Rock Hits); July 29--Lady Sunshine & the X Band (Detroit's' own - Emotion, Fire, Pride, and Soul); Aug. 5--Larry Lee and the Back in the Day Band (Funk, R&B, Motown); Aug. 12--Geff Phillips and Friends (Pop & Rock Variety 60s - today); Aug. 19 Moxie Blitz (80s - Today Pop); Aug. 26–Steve King and the Dittilies (Wayne Newton of Wayne County) and Sept. 2--Atomic Radio (Top 40, Pop Hip-Hop, Rock).

Hip hop

The Easter Bunny made an early appearance recently in Canton Township bringing special gifts to a local neighborhood. Canton Leisure Services in cooperation with St. Thomas a'Becket Catholic Church organized the Easter Bunny Express during which 60 Easter baskets were distributed. The event also included a pizza party featuring music provided by a DJ. In addition, St. Thomas a'Becket Church distributed more than $3,000 in field trip vouchers for area businesses, including: Sky Zone, movie theaters, water parks, Ann Arbor Hands-On Museum, art lessons, and more. Children were able to have their picture taken with the Easter Bunny, as well as enjoy Easter candy. "These types of special events help strengthen our community while providing a fun and supportive experience for the participating families," said Chelsea Straub, recreation specialist. "Canton Leisure Services' partnership with St. Thomas a'Becket is an indispensable part of the equation which helps us meet an important community need that would be difficult to achieve without their support." This special Easter Bunny Express was designed to engage community members in a personalized festive celebration, as well as provide an opportunity to enhance camaraderie and provide an opportunity for community members to come together in a safe and positive environment, Straub added. For more information, visit www.cantonfun.org or call (734) 394-5360.

Ford Road meeting set

Area residents and motorists can voice their opinions regarding the planned installation of a boulevard along Ford Road between Lotz and Sheldon during a public meeting set for 5 until 7 p.m. April 26.

The meeting, hosted by state road officials, will take place at the Summit on the Park in Canton and is an effort to gauge public opinion regarding the plans to change the configuration of both sides of Ford Road along the 2.5 mile section of roadway. Current plans include the elimination of left turns between Interstate 275 and Sheldon Road and install "Michigan left" crossovers. Officials said the plan would accommodate the large trucks using the roadway and better control ongoing traffic congestion in the area, according to traffic studies.

The section of roadway is often listed as one of the most dangerous by the Transportation Improvement Association. According to data from the organization, there were 965 auto accidents along the area from 2016 through 2019 with 207 accidents occurring at the intersection of Ford and Lilley roads.

The meeting is open to the public.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
INVITATION TO BID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, April 28, 2022 for the following:

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Bids may be picked up at the Finance and Budget Department, on the MITN Purchasing Group website at https://www.bidnetdirect.com/mitn/cantontownship or you may contact Mike Sheppard at: mike.sheppard@canton-mi.org. All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the proposal name, company name, address and telephone number and date and time of bid opening. The Township reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed proposals at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, May 5, 2022 for the following:

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

The Charter Township of Canton will provide necessary, reasonable auxiliary aids and services to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon notice to the Charter Township of Canton.

In accordance with the requirements of Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 ("ADA"), the Charter Township of Canton will not discriminate against qualified individuals with disabilities on the basis of disability in its services, programs, or activities.

Employment: The Charter Township of Canton does not discriminate on the basis of disability in its hiring or employment practices and complies with all regulations promulgated by the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission under Title II of the ADA.

Effective Communication: The Charter Township of Canton will generally, upon request, provide appropriate aids and services leading to effective communication for qualified persons with disabilities so they can participate equally in the Charter Township of Canton's programs, services, and activities, including qualified sign language interpreters, documents in Braille, and other ways of making information and communications accessible to people who have speech, hearing, or vision impairments.

Modifications to Policies and Procedures: The Charter Township of Canton will make all reasonable modifications to policies and programs to ensure that people with disabilities have an equal opportunity to enjoy all of its programs, services, and activities. For example, individuals with service animals are welcomed in the Charter Township of Canton's offices, even where pets are generally prohibited.

Anyone who requires an auxiliary aid or service for effective communication, or a modification of policies or procedures to participate in a program, service, or activity of the Charter Township of Canton should contact the office of Barb Brouillette, Human Resources Supervisor, Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188, (734) 394-5260 as soon as possible but no later than 48 hours before the scheduled event.

The ADA does not require the Charter Township of Canton to take any action that would fundamentally alter the nature of its programs or services, or impose an undue financial or administrative burden.

Complaints that a program, service, or activity of the Charter Township of Canton is not accessible to persons with disabilities should be directed to Barb Brouillette, Human Resources Supervisor, Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188, (734) 394-5260.

The Charter Township of Canton will not place a surcharge on a particular individual with a disability or any group of individuals with disabilities to cover the cost of providing auxiliary aids/services or reasonable modifications of policy, such as retrieving items from locations that are open to the public but are not accessible to persons who use wheelchairs.

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WESTLAND

$2.6 million upgrades planned at city park

Westland officials are preparing for the arrival of dinosaurs and alien creatures in the city.

The creatures are part of recently approved renovations and improvements at Tattan Park in the community. Members of the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) have approved funding renovations and redesign at two projects to enhance the existing amenities at the park.

Dinosaurs will flourish at the complete rebranding of the popular H20 Zone Splash Pad. The new prehistoric-themed upgrades are being replaced and designed by Rain Drop, based in Ashland, Ohio. The total cost for the splash pad update is $332,636.17. Additional components of the project include the installation of graphic wrap on other features in the park and the addition of interactive sounds and lights, giving the area an immersive, child- friendly dinosaur experience. The extra design work is slated to cost $55,000 and is being completed by Westland-based DPI Graphics. All work is expected to be completed by Memorial Day weekend 2022, according to officials.

The second project replaces the Play Planet play scape with a state-of-the-art, all-inclusive play structure, to be named, "Mission to Mars." The new space-themed playground at the park will include towering rocket ships, lunar rovers, slides, and play activities that let children experience zero gravity. Throughout the play area, there will be ADA accessible surfacing, plenty of room to move about, tons of ways to play, including sensory play and innovative activities for people of all ages and physical abilities to enjoy together, officials said.

"And no Mission to Mars is complete without a real Martian," commented Mayor William R. Wild. "Yes, there will be three life-sized Martians at Tattan Park."

> *And no Mission to Mars is complete without a real Martian.*

Construction on the Play Planet project will be completed by Sinclair Recreation, based in Holland and the total cost of the installation is $2,610,485. Sinclair will begin deconstructing the existing structure after the summer 2022 season to prepare the site for installation of the new structures in spring of 2023. Plans are under way to refurbish the existing play planet play scape and auxiliary accessories and relocate them to Lincoln-Johnson Field in the historic Norwayne district of the city.

"The DDA has made significant investments into Tattan Park over the years," continued Wild.

"These projects will make visiting the park an experience unlike anything in this region and we can't wait for our residents and visitors to join the adventure."

A sample graphic of the type to be installed at the new prehistoric-themed attraction at Tattan Park in Westland.

The Play Planet play scape will be renovated into an all-inclusive play structure to be called Mission to Mars including three life-size Martians.

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Inkster - Wayne

Inkster councilman will seek state office

Inkster City Councilman Steven Chisholm will be a candidate for House Representative from the 26th District representing Garden City, Inkster, portions of Romulus and Westland.

Chisholm, 34, is a life-long Inkster resident and served on the Inkster Planning Commission since 2016, the Inkster City Council since 2017, and has worked at the Michigan House of Representatives from 2019 to 2022 for a Democratic State Representative. He is presently a Building Substitute/Interventionist where he assists in educating students at Summit Academy Middle School in Romulus. In January 2022, Chisholm filed to run for the term-limited seat and is now formally announcing his candidacy. The district is presently known as House District 11, but after redistricting it will become House District 26.

> "I am excited about the energy and renewed interest in a ctivism throughout the district and the world.

Chisholm has 15 years of leadership through the Episcopal Diocese of Michigan and said he utilizes this foundation to direct actions "based on honesty, integrity, and respect." Chisholm has served as a councilman in the City of Inkster for more than 6 years.

Chisholm spent 11 years at AT&T as a member of CWA Local 4100.

"My personal health challenges emphasize the importance of accessible, quality healthcare. My time in many forms of government has provided me the opportunity to lead by example and set precedence. Presently my involvement in the education field has exhibited how necessary it is to provide competitive education for all students, assigning an imperative to support and value our teachers as they prepare future leaders to assume the reins of responsibility. I am excited about the energy and renewed interest in activism throughout the district and the world. I look forward to speaking to you and hearing from you during this decision-making season," Chisholm said in a prepared release announcing his candidacy.

Steven Chisholm

Scholarship winners

Five young women from Wayne Memorial High School were recently selected as Joyce Ivy Scholars, including Teya Adham, Emily Buison, Emily Lemus, Kyshawn Carr, and Yasmin Munoz-Mejia. The Joyce Ivy Foundation presented scholarships to 78 young women to participate in summer pre-college academic programs at the Foundation partner colleges and universities, including Barnard College, Brown University, Cornell University, Emory University, Harvard University, Johns Hopkins University, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Smith College, Washington University in St. Louis, University of Chicago and Yale University. Four of the Wayne Memorial students are members of the Upward Bound Program. Yvette Jonna-Moore and Wayne Memorial alumni Khushi Patel and Morgan Butler were instrumental in helping the students receive the prestigious honor as they prepared their applications for the scholarship, district officials said.

Nankin Transit reduced-fare vouchers available in Wayne

The City of Wayne is offering vouchers for $1 off the $3 ticket price of a one-way ride ticket on a Nankin Transit bus.

Nankin Transit is a transportation option for seniors and the disabled who reside in Canton Township, Wayne, Westland, Inkster and Garden City.

Passengers can travel within the five communities and 1 mile outside the communities for medical and work appointments.

Nankin Transit also transports riders to St. Mary's Hospital - South Entrance in Livonia .

To schedule a ride, a resident can call (734) 729-2710. Medical appointments should be scheduled two days in advance and one day for all other travel needs.

The limit per person per month is 10 tickets.

The vouchers are available at Wayne City Hall in the city clerk's office located at 3355 South Wayne Road.

Pickers

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Anyone who has a large, private collection or accumulation of antiques that the Pickers can spend the better part of the day looking through, should send their name, phone number, location, and description of the collection with photos to: americanpickers@cineflix.com or call (646) 493-2184 or access Facebook @GotAPick.

Mike Wolfe

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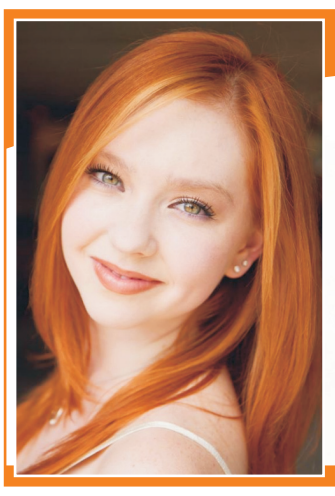

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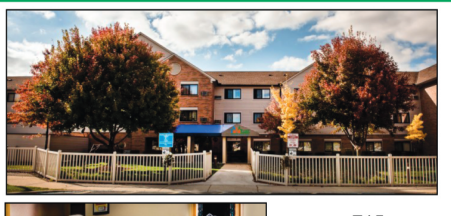

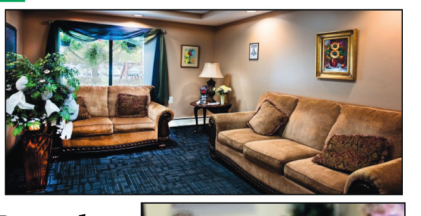

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
May 2, 2022 at 6:30 PM

The Romulus City Council will hold a public hearing at the Romulus City Hall in the Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI 48174 for the proposed 2022/23 FY Budget for the City of Romulus as set forth in Section 9.3 of the Romulus City Charter.

The public is invited to attend this public hearing and express their comments or ask questions. Information will be available for viewing at City Hall between 8:00 AM and 4:00 PM Monday through Friday. Written comments will be received by the Romulus City Clerk at 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI 48174 no later than 12:00 PM on the day of the above meeting.

Ellen Craig-Bragg, City Clerk
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BELLEVILLE - ROMULUS

Sumpter Township to host Red Cross Blood Drive

The American Red Cross is facing a national blood crisis - the worst blood shortage in more than a decade, according to officials. The need for blood to be used in life-saving medical procedures is posing a concerning risk to patient car and subsequently doctors have been forced to make difficult decisions about who receives blood transfusions and who will need to wait until more products become available.

Blood and platelet donations are critically needed to help prevent further delays in vital medical treatments. "While some types of medical care can wait, others can't," said Dr. Pampee Young, chief medical officer of the Red Cross.

In response to the critical need, Sumpter Township has scheduled a blood drive from noon until 6 p.m. on Wednesday, May 4. American Red Cross medical personnel will be at the Sumpter Township Community Center gymnasium during the blood drive which will be by appointment only. Donors need to log onto RedCrossBlood.org (Sumpter) or call the township office at (734)461-6201 to make an appointment. The donation experience can be streamlined, Red Cross officials said, by visiting RedCrossBlood.org /RapidPass to complete the necessary pre-donation reading and health history questions on the day of donor's appointment.

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Donors must be at least 16-years-old and some 16 and 17-year-old donors must bring a signed permission form from a parent or guardian. Donors must weigh at least 110 pounds and certain height/weight criteria may apply for donors 22-years-old or younger. Donors must be in good general health.

Specially trained technical staff are available at each blood collection center and details of each donor's health and activities are discussed in a confidential setting prior to blood donation. The majority of donor eligibility rules are specified by the Food and Drug Administration for every collection center.

The blood center is heavily regulated and mandated by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA).

As such, each donor must meet certain eligibility requirements in order to donate blood. If a donor does not meet one or more of the eligibility requirements they would be deferred from donating blood that day.

New chapter

Renovated library spaces are officially open to public

The Romulus Public Library has officially opened the newly-renovated space to the public.

As part of ongoing efforts to improve library aesthetics and functionality, the Romulus Public Library began major renovations last October. New carpeting was installed throughout the renovated spaces and adult services area, concluding updates to the public computer area, service desk, and meeting room. With renovations complete, library officials recently celebrated the reopening of the renovated spaces to the public.

"When developing our strategic plan four years ago, we asked residents to share their thoughts on ways to improve the library," said Romulus Public Library Director Patty Braden. "There were requests for expanded space, mobile tables and more comfortable seating. When people see what we've done with the space I think they will be pleased to see that their vision has come to life."

Building improvements include: a functional modern service desk with better lighting and a more user-friendly shape, size, and placement; a new larger public computer area with power and data outlets on the floor for a cleaner space and easier internet access; expanded meeting room space designed to serve as one large room, or, with a partition, two smaller rooms and renamed as Community Room 1 and Community Room 2; a sink, new countertop, and outlets for patrons to prepare drinks or snacks for their groups; new carpeting in the updated sections expanding throughout the adult services area and shelving that is compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Renovations were supported by the library budget, Braden said and taxpayers will not see an increase in taxes to support the funding of the renovations.

City accepting nominations for 'Hometown Hero'

The City of Romulus is now accepting nominations for the annual Hometown Hero Awards.

Do you know an educational services professional who is dedicated, inspiring, and making a difference in our schools? A citizen who consistently demonstrates excellent community leadership by "stepping up to the plate" and has made a significant contribution to the community through his/her involvement by giving many hours of personal time? A courageous person who exemplifies courage, kindness, and unselfish character through their acts of heroism in or out of the community?

"If so, please take the time to recommend this person by completing a nomination form with a letter of support and returning it Romulus City Hall, 11111 Wayne Road in Romulus by April 30. All residential and community members are encouraged to participate," city officials said. Candidates for the awards include businesses, educators, good neighbors, public service workers and veterans who deserve to be recognized for their citizenship, courage, kindness and selflessness. Nomination forms are available at romulusgov.com/280/Hometown-Hero-Awards. All nomination forms must be submitted to Romulus City Hall by April 30. Awards are presented in categories including Good Neighbor; Outstanding Business Sector; Outstanding Veteran; Outstanding Educator and Outstanding Public Service Person.

Distinguished graduates honored

Belleville High School will honor five "Distinguished Graduates" during ceremonies set for 7 p.m. Friday, April 29 in the school auditorium. The program will include the induction of current students into the prestigious National Honor Society.

Prior to the ceremony, there will be a recognition dinner at 5 p.m. at the Belleville Yacht Club celebrating the induction of Bettina Caldwell, class of 1938; Walter and Joyce Rochowiak, class of 1963; Katherine Weather, class of 1982 and Alan Summer, class of 1968, posthumously. For more information or dinner reservations, call Falisadoll Green (734) 697-9133; Randy Brown (734) 697-1820 or Tom Fielder (734) 740-7464.

CITY OF ROMULUS
ORDINANCE NO. 2022-002

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 28 ARTICLE III LICENSING OF HOTELS, MOTELS, AND MOTOR COURTS
THE CITY OF ROMULUS ORDAINS:

Section 1. Chapter 28 Article III Licensing of Hotels, Motels, and Motor Courts amended to read as follows:

Sec. 28-78. - Definitions
Sec. 28-81. - Registration
Sec. 28-82. - Rental
Sec. 28-84. - License
Sec. 28-85. - Application
Sec. 28-87. - Investigation
Sec. 28-88. - Issuance
Sec. 28-91. - Duration
Sec. 28-93. - Cause of denial and revocation; notice
Sec. 28-94. - Appeal

ADOPTED, APPROVED, AND PASSED by the City Council of the City of Romulus this 4th day of April 2022.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the Ordinance as passed by the City Council of the City of Romulus at a regular Council Meeting held in the Romulus City Hall Council Chambers on the 4th day of April, 2022.

I further certify that the foregoing was published in the Associated Newspapers, a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Romulus, on the 14th day of April, 2022.

ELLEN L. CRAIG-BRAGG, CMC,
Romulus City Clerk

COMPLETE COPY OF ORDINANCE ON FILE IN THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE, 11111 WAYNE ROAD, ROMULUS, MI.

Within forty-five (45) days after publication of any ordinance duly passed by the Council, a petition may be presented to the Council protesting against such ordinance continuing in effect. Said petition shall contain the text of such ordinance and shall be signed by not less than six percent (6%) of the registered electors registered at the last preceding election at which a Mayor of the City was elected. Said ordinance shall thereupon and thereby be suspended from operation and the Council shall immediately reconsider such ordinance.

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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING
March 28, 2022
Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Rd, Romulus, MI 48174

Meeting called to order at 7:30pm
Pledge of Allegiance
Roll Call

Present: John Barden, Celeste Roscoe, Tina Talley, William Wadsworth, Eva Webb Absent / Excused: Kathy Abdo, Virginia Williams
Administrative Officials in Attendance:
Robert McCraight, Mayor
Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk
Stacy Paige, Treasurer
Administrative Staff in Attendance:
D'Sjonaun Hockenhull, Deputy Clerk; Julie Wojtylko, Chief of Staff; Steven Hitchcock, City Attorney; Robert Pfannes, Chief of Police; Derran Shelby, Deputy Chief of Police; Kevin Krause, Director of Fire Services & Emergency Management; Merry Druyor, DDA/TIFA Director; Colleen Dumas, Director of Parks & Recreation; Mike Laskaska, Director of Cable & Community Services

1. **Agenda**
   - A. Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **Celeste Roscoe** to approve the Agenda. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
2. **Minutes**
   - A. **Res. # 22-059** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to approve the Minutes from the Regular Meeting held on Monday, March 14, 2022, at 7:30 p.m. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**
   - B. **Res. #22-060** Moved by **Eva Webb**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to approve the Minutes from the Special Meeting - Executive Session held on Monday, March 14, 2022, at 6:15 p.m. to discuss an attorney's opinion. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
3. **Petitioner** - None
4. **Chairperson's Report, John Barden, Mayor Pro-Tem**
   Res. # 22-061 Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **William Wadsworth** to adopt a memorial resolution in memory of Barbara Morrison. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
   Res. # 22-062 Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **William Wadsworth** to adopt a memorial resolution in memory of James Boler, Jr. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
   - A. **Res. # 22-063** Moved by Celeste Roscoe, seconded by Tina Talley to accept the Chairperson's Report. Motion Carried Unanimously.
5. **Mayor's Report - Robert A. McCraight, Mayor**
   - A. **Res. # 22-064** Moved by William Wadsworth, seconded by **Tina Talley** to approve the Request for No Fee Permit for the Bird Family Reunion at the Historical Park. Motion Carried Unanimously.
   - B. **Res. # 22-065** Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **Eva Webb** to approve the Request for a No-Fee Permit for the First Baptist Church Annual Family Reunion and Fun Day at Elmer Johnson's Park. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
   - C. **Res. #22-066** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **William Wadsworth** to approve and concur with the administration and adopt a resolution to authorize submission of the DNR Recreation Passport Grant Application for enhancements at Mary Ann Banks Park. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
   - D. **Res. # 22-067** Moved by **Eva Webb**, seconded by **Celeste Roscoe** to approve and concur with the administration to submit the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Grant Application for the construction of a Comfort Station/Concession Building in the Historical Part. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
   - E. FYI - Emergency Purchase of the Electrical for Burnt Hotbox - No action required.
6. **Clerk's Report - Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk**
   - A. **Res. # 22-068** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to approve the First Reading and Introduction of amendments to Chapter 28, Article III of the City of Romulus Code of Ordinances. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
   - B. **Res. # 22-069** Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **Celeste Roscoe** to approve the adoption of a resolution proposing an amendment to Section 11.1 of the Romulus City Charter to continue the levy by the City of an additional ad valorem property tax in an amount not to exceed 4 mills for 5 years, from 2024 through 2028. (Police and Fire Services Millage). The proposed charter amendment shall be placed on the ballot for the August 2, 2022, Primary Election. **Motion Carried Unanimously**
7. **Treasurer's Report - Stacy Paige, Treasurer**
8. **Public Comment** - None
9. **Unfinished Business**
10. **New Business**
11. **Warrant**
    - A. **Res. #22-070** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to approve Warrant #: 22-6 for checks presented in the amount of $1,256,341.82. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
12. **Communication**
    The Council members announced upcoming community events.
13. **Adjournment**
    - A. Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to adjourn the meeting at 8:06 pm. **Motion Carried Unanimously**

I, Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on March 28, 2022.

Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, City Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

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Northville

Library offering help in naturalization process

The Northville District Library is now offering help to those seeking to become naturalized U.S citizens.

Appointments are now being scheduled to provide information to anyone who has questions about beginning the naturalization process. The library also has resources available to help individuals prepare for the naturalization process.

The 30-minute appointments are managed and conducted by Adult Services Librarian Samantha Loree.

"The public library is a community space that welcomes everyone through its doors. Southeast Michigan is home for many immigrants and refugees, some who may be unfamiliar with all the services a public library can provide.

"Along with our ESL (English as a Second Language) conversation group, I wanted to start a service introducing patrons to the naturalization process, as well as, how the library can guide and support them along the way. I hope that community members who utilize the library resources feel more empowered and knowledgeable about how to begin the process and how to prepare for the test and interview," Loree said.

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She added that only citizens are able to vote in federal elections, so when applicants are granted citizenship, they can participate in this civic duty of every U.S. citizen. Naturalized citizens can also serve on a federal jury; apply for federal jobs; become an elected official; retain residency in the U.S.; become eligible for federal grants and scholarships and obtain government benefits that are available only to U.S. citizens.

Naturalized citizens will also be granted priority when petitioning to bring any family permanently to the U.S. and will also be able to get citizenship for any children under 18 years of age. Naturalized citizens can travel with a U.S. passport and receive assistance when overseas, if necessary.

Loree, a 5-year library veteran, said she hopes to make this process easier to understand and manage. She added that she is thoroughly prepared to answer questions, direct interested individuals to appropriate community and federal resources, and discuss what the library can provide for residents and guests.

The next four appointments are scheduled beginning at noon Friday, April 22 and progressing in 30-minute increments from there. Appointments are available at the library event calendar: https://bit.ly/2EyX4Za

For more information, visit northvillelibrary.org, or telephone (248) 349-3020 or access Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, YouTube, Spotify or TikTok.

Writing contest entries sought

Aspiring writers have only until April 22 to submit their entries into Short on Words- the short story, poetry writing contest celebrating its 10th anniversary-ninth edition. Submissions into the contest are now being accepted from across Michigan and around the country with a new online submission tool.

The competition is calling on aspiring authors of all ages to create unique prose about one of 10 photographs taken by Dr. William Demray, founder of Preservation Dental in Northville.

"We're hoping the photographs inspire you to stop, sit in your favorite place and just start writing. Anything. The first thing that comes into your head that speaks to you in some way and starts the creative juices flowing," noted Demray. Preservation Dental is again sponsoring the competition, in conjunction with the annual Northville Arts & Acts Festival.

Writers can enter a poem or short story - 1,500 words or less, using one of the subject photos selected for the competition. Proceeds from the $10 entry fee benefit the Northville Art House, a 501(c)3 non-profit art facility.

There are two categories: ages 17 and under and ages 18 and older. The cash awards for each age category are $100 for first prize, $50 for second place and $25 for third place. Winners will be announced at an Author Brunch on Saturday, June 18 at the Northville Art House.

For further information email denisemjenkins@aol.com or call Preservation Dental, 371 E. Main St., Northville, (248) 348-1313. Online entry forms and the selected photographs this year are available at http://preservation-dental.com/pd-contests/.

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Work schedule

Wayne County will resurface Eight Mile Road through Northville and Northville Township as part of the road construction schedule this summer. Wayne County Commissioner Terry Marecki confirmed that the pothole-riddled road would be repaired this year and that Wayne County will fund the expense, estimated at about $1.3 million per mile. Plans include a 2-inch mill of new asphalt and the project is slated to be complete this road season, officials said.

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Friendly Reassurance is a **FREE** program for HOMEBOUND seniors who are aged 60 years and up!

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